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Mr. Glenn Curtis
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Superfund Branch
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Dear Mr. Curtis:

In response to the Proposed Plan for Ground Water and Surface Water Operable Unit for the Galena Subsite of the Cherokee County Superfund Site, I offer the following comment.

The proposed plan suggests "waste rock and chat will either be placed below grade to fill subsidences, pits and shafts or used as surface cover material. This action will be conducted in an effort to reduce the human exposure via ingestion and inhalation to the contaminants in the surface wastes and the migration of those contaminants to the ground water and streams."

My primary concern is in regards to the contaminants in the chat residue from the lead and zinc mines. It has been, and continues to be common practice for chat from the mines to be spread over county roads in Cherokee County. The grinding action from vehicles passing over this material results in the generation of dust particulants that are possibly contaminants. Since the EPA has determined the chat from the lead and zinc mines is a potentially hazardous waste, should not the health and exposure of all residents of the county to these wastes be examined? When will the EPA and KDHE investigate this situation, and evaluate the risks for all residents of Cherokee County?

Sincerely,

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